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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING CROSSING MARKETS				

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1180 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1180 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/040,837

Applicant(s)

GILBERT ET AL.

Examiner

SARAH M. MONFELDT

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 28 October 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,7,9,12,13,19,25,27-29,32,35-40,45 and 54-59.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Sarah M Monfeldt/
Examiner, Art Unit 3684

***DETAILED ACTION
Status of Claims***

1. This action is in reply to the Amendment/Response filed on 28 October 2009.
2. Claims 2, 7, 9, 12-13, 19, 25, 27-29, 32, 35-40, 45 were amended.
3. Claims 54-59 were added.
4. Claims 31, 33, 53 were canceled.
5. Claims 2,7,9,12,13,19,25,27-29,32,35-40,45 and 54-59 are Allowed.

Specification

6. The specification objection has been withdrawn in view of Applicants amendment to incorporate original claims 4, 16, 12, 24, 6, 18, 7, 17, 8 and 19. Applicants Specification Amendment filed 28 October 2009 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph

7. The 112, first paragraph rejection has been withdrawn in view of Applicants claim amendments and comments. Applicants Claim Amendment filed 28 October 2009 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

8. The 101 has been withdrawn in view of Applicants claim amendments and comments. In particular Applicant added server to the method claims. The Examiner notes that paragraph [0028] of Applicants specification defines server as a device. Applicants Claim Amendment filed 28 October 2009 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 2,7,9,12,13,19,25,27-29,32,35-40,45 and 54-59 are allowed over the prior art of record.

10. The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

- a. The closest prior art of record is WO/2000/026834 to RICKARD et al. discloses a crossing network that matches buy and sell orders based upon a satisfaction and quantity profile is disclosed. RICKARD et al. discloses the crossing network includes a number of trader terminals that can be used for entering orders. RICKARD et al. discloses the orders are entered in the form of a satisfaction density profile that represents a degree of satisfaction to trade a particular instrument at various (price, quantity) combinations. RICKARD et al. discloses typically, each order is either a buy order or a sell order. The trader terminals are coupled to a matching controller computer. RICKARD et al. discloses the matching controller computer can receive as input the satisfaction density profiles entered at each one of the trading terminals. RICKARD et al. discloses the matching controller computer matches orders (as represented by each trader's satisfaction density profile) so that each trader is assured that the overall outcome of the process (in terms of average price and size of fill) has maximized the mutual satisfaction of all traders. RICKARD et al. discloses typically, the matching process is anonymous and confidential. The matching process can be continuous or performed on a batch basis.
- b. And WO/1998/012659 to RICKARD et al. discloses a computer-based system for determining a set of opening prices for a number of series of options traded on an options exchange and for allocating public order imbalances at the opening of trading. RICKARD et al. discloses market

makers input a current position, a desired target position and market maker orders (104) for options series from market maker terminals. RICKARD et al. discloses an order entry system receives public orders (102) for options series. RICKARD et al. discloses a controller (2) determines a set of implied volatilities (prices) for each options series that will maximize a weighted volume of trades across all options series at the opening. RICKARD et al. discloses contra orders than can be matched at the opening price are then executed. RICKARD et al. discloses if there is a residual imbalance of non-executed public orders, the residual imbalance of non-executed public orders is assigned to individual ones of the plurality of market makers so as to minimize a cumulative measure of deviation between the desired target position and the current position of each market maker. RICKARD et al. discloses the system is applicable to an options exchange, this term including any facility operating an over-the-counter market in options.

- c. And WO/2001/004817 to HARTS et al. discloses HARTS et al. an equity trading platform including an order routing system (12) and an interest matching platform (16) is provided which matches a stock transaction with other stock transactions and results in price improvement by sharing the spread between both clients is provided. HARTS et al. disclose the system advantageously also tracks the remaining number of shares of a transaction and can generate a signal indicating that a portion of the remaining shares should be traded externally from the platform.
- d. And US 20040236636A1 to Lutnick et al. discloses systems and methods for providing traders with an opportunity to trade on the VWAP price are provided. Lutnick et al. discloses after a trader enters a VWAP auction session, the trader has a predetermined amount of time (i.e., the length of the VWAP auction period) to place bids and/or offers on an item. Lutnick et al. discloses when the VWAP auction period ends, the electronic trading application matches the VWAP orders. Lutnick et al. discloses the electronic trading application collects trading information (e.g., price, size, etc.)

corresponding to the received orders. Lutnick et al. discloses the collected information is processed to determine the VWAP price. Lutnick et al. discloses the VWAP price is presented to the trader and the matched VWAP orders are filled based on the determined VWAP price. Lutnick et al. was however was filed after the present application and is assigned to the same assignee and is therefore not available as prior art against the present application.

- e. And Leveling the trading field to Weisul discloses eight times a day, trades will automatically be executed at the midpoint of the best bid and best ask price, eliminating spreads on those trades. Other discount brokerages that offer on-line trading, such as E*Trade Group, Inc., are looking at similar systems. Not every brokerage views retail crossing from the same perspective. Different firms offer variations on crossing that, they hope, will attract more investors and greater liquidity.
- In regards to independent claim 7 the closest prior art of record when taken either individually or in combination with other prior arts of record fails to teach or fairly suggest:
 - a. "in which calculating the second crossing price comprises calculating an average between a midpoint of the second bid-offer liquidity spread and a last executed trade price."
- Dependent claims 40, 54 are dependent upon independent claim 7 thus have all the limitations of claims 40, 54 are therefore, allowable for the same reason.

- In regards to independent claim 19 the closest prior art of record when taken either individually or in combination with other prior arts of record fails to teach or fairly suggest:
 - a. "in which to calculate the second crossing price comprises to calculate an average between a midpoint of the second bid-offer liquidity spread and a last executed trade price."
- Dependent claims 59 are dependent upon independent claim 19 thus have all the limitations of claims 59 are therefore, allowable for the same reason.
- In regards to independent claim 32 the closest prior art of record when taken either individually or in combination with other prior arts of record fails to teach or fairly suggest:
 - a. "in which calculating the second crossing price comprises to calculating an average between the first crossing price and one of the buying price of the first bid-offer liquidity spread and the selling price of the first bid-offer liquidity spread."
- Dependent claims 2, 9, 12, 25, 27-29, 35-39 are dependent upon independent claim 32 thus have all the limitations of claims 2, 9, 12, 25, 27-29, 35-39 are therefore, allowable for the same reason.
- In regards to independent claim 13 the closest prior art of record when taken either individually or in combination with other prior arts of record fails to teach or fairly suggest:
 - a. "in which to calculate the second crossing price comprises to calculate an average between the first crossing price and one of the

buying price of the first bid-offer liquidity spread and the selling price of the first bid-offer liquidity spread.”

- Dependent claims 45, 55-58 are dependent upon independent claim 13 thus have all the limitations of claims 45, 55-58 are therefore, allowable for the same reason.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SARAH M. MONFELDT whose telephone number is (571)270-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm (EST) ALT Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Abdi can be reached on (571)272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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